

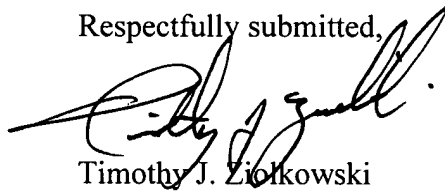
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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates entry and consideration of claims 1-7 presented herein. Claims 8-23 have been canceled. As indicated previously, the present application claims priority of allowed U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/191,335. Applicant respectfully believes that claims 1-7 also define the present invention over the known art. Therefore, Applicant respectfully believes that claims 1-7 are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is accordingly requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned.

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